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SUBJECT: UNHRC WORKING GROUP VISIT TO CHILE

REF: A. SANTIAGO 4836; B. USUN 3312

1. DURING JULY 17 PRESS CONFERENCE, FONMINISTRY SPOKESMAN CARLOS ASHTON WAS QUESTIONED CONCERNING FONMIN UNDER SEC VALDES' PURPORTED USE OF WORD "SUSPENDED" IN REFERENCE TO UNHRC VISIT. ASHTON SAID THAT THE ONLY VALID OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON UNHRC VISIT IS INITIAL JULY 4 ANNOUNCEMENT BY PRESIDENT PINOCHET ("I HAVE DIRECTED THAT UNHRC NOT COME TO CHILE"). GOC OFFICIAL STATEMENT REPORTED REF B HAS NOT BEEN PUBLISHED IN CHILE.

2. ASHTON ALSO REFERRED TO JULY 12 NEW YORK TIMES ACCOUNT OF VALDES' MEETING WITH ACTING SECRETARY INGERSOLL. SAID MEETING HAD BEEN CORDIAL AND THAT AT NO TIME WERE STATEMENTS MADE LIKE THOSE REPORTED IN NYT ARTICLE.

3. PRO-GOVERNMENT NEWSWEEKLY "QUE PASA" JULY 17 CARRIED SECOND EDITORIAL PUSHING CREATION OF CHILEAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO STUDY HUMAN RIGHT OBJECTIVELY, "WITHOUT HIDDEN INTENTION AND WITH NO OTHER POWER THAN ITS HIGH MORAL STATUS AND UNRESERVED

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SUPPORT FROM JUNTA AND THE PRESIDENT OF CHILE".

4. EDITORIAL CAREFULLY EMPHASIZES CONTINUING INTERNAL SECURITY PROBLEMS AND NEED OF GOC VIGILANCE, BUT IMPLICIT IN LANGUAGE RECOMMENDING COMMISSION IS ADMISSION THAT THERE ARE HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS NOTED APPARENT LACK OF CLEAR GUIDANCE WITHIN GOC ON WHETHER TO DESCRIBE PINOCHET'S DECISION TO REFUSE ENTRY TO UNHRC AS CANCELLATION OR SUSPENSION, BUT ASHTON'S REFERENCE TO THE PRESIDENT'S INITIAL WORDING MAKES IT CLEAR, AT LEAST TO CHILEAN PUBLIC, THAT DOOR IS STILL SHUT.

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